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1. The headquarters of the city trade organization at Shumen (N 43-16, E 26-55, now Kolarovgrad) is located at No. 13 Dimităr Blagoev Street. It has a staff of 35 to supervise the activities of its four sections: industrial production, industrial food production, restaurants and cafes, and meat and milk products.
2. Shumen has a total of 103 stores, employing 275 people. The stores are as follows: 21 stores for industrial products, 24 stores for foodstuffs, 18 restaurants and cafes, and 40 stores for meat and milk products.
3. All industrial production, including foodstuffs, is distributed to local markets through two principal channels, in accordance with the strict allocations of the Ministry of Internal Trade:
 - a. From the Cooperative Center (Tsentralen Kooperativen Sŭyuz) and its district branches to the cooperative stores in villages and small towns; and
 - b. From wholesale stores in the principal cities to government stores (Narmag) and city stores (Gradska Tŭrgoviya).
4. Wholesale stores are divided into branches on the basis of the type of industry concerned. For example, there are special wholesale stores for textiles and leather (Oblekli i Obufki), foodstuffs (Bakalski Stoki), iron products (Stroimatmetis), and special depots for coal and fuel wood (Toplivo).
5. Local trade (Gradska Tŭrgoviya) is independent in every city, and each local administration controls trade in its area. Profits from local stores, which amount to approximately three percent of the turnover, go to the local administration for use in developing trade and meeting general needs.

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